

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

an elongated mobile housing having a shape and size suitable for being held in a single hand of a user;

an electric drive device within and coupled to the mobile housing, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a power supply contained within the mobile housing to supply power to the electric drive device when activated by a switch;

a movable head positioned on the mobile housing and coupled to the transfer member of the electric drive device, the movable head being adapted to receive mechanical energy from the electric drive device through the transfer member so as to **rotationally** oscillate through a fixed arc **about an axis**;

an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head **such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface**, the abrasive surface having a grit adapted to trim a person's nail when oscillating, wherein; and

a shock absorbing member coupled between the movable head and **the** abrasive surface, the shock absorbing member providing shock absorption to allow the abrasive surface to conform to a person's nail.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the shock absorbing member is a resilient, conforming layer of material sandwiched between the movable head and the abrasive surface that is selected from a foam or elastomer.

29. Cancelled

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 27 wherein the movable head oscillates through an arc in the range of about 5 to 180 degrees.

31 - 34 (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the abrasive surface is removable from the movable head.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the abrasive surface has a graphic design to provide a pattern during movement of the movable head.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

an elongated mobile housing having a shape and size suitable for being held in a single hand of a user;

an electric drive device within and coupled to the mobile housing, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a power supply contained within the mobile housing to supply power to the electric drive device when activated;

a movable head positioned on the mobile housing and coupled to the transfer member of the electric drive device, the movable head being adapted to rotationally oscillate through a fixed arc about an axis; and

an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface, the abrasive surface having a grit adapted to trim a person's nail when oscillating.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 37 further comprising:

a shock absorbing member disposed between the movable head and abrasive surface, the shock absorbing member being configured to allow the abrasive member to conform around a person's nail, the shock absorbing member comprising a resilient, conforming layer of resilient material sandwiched between the movable head and the abrasive surface.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 37 wherein the power supply comprises a battery.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 37 wherein the electric drive device is adapted to oscillate the head through an arc in the range of about 5 to about 180 degrees.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) An electric nail trimmer comprising:

an elongated body having a size and shape suitable for being grasped in a single hand of a user, the elongated body having first and second ends and a longitudinal axis therebetween;

an electric drive device secured within the body, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a power supply within the body to supply power to the electric drive device when activated;

a movable head positioned near the first end of the body ~~and having a working surface facing laterally relative to the longitudinal axis~~, the movable head coupled to the transfer member of the electric drive device such that the movable head rotationally oscillates through a fixed arc about an axis;

an abrasive surface coupled to the working surface of the movable head such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface, the abrasive surface having a grit selected to trim a person's nail when oscillating and

a shock absorbing member disposed between the movable head and abrasive surface, to allow the abrasive member to conform around a person's nail,

whereby when activated the abrasive surface oscillates to trim a person's nail while the person's epidermal tissue surrounding the nail remains unharmed.

43. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

an elongated mobile housing having a shape and size suitable for being held in a single hand of a user;

an electric drive device within and coupled to the mobile housing, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a movable head positioned on the mobile housing and coupled to the transfer member of the electric drive device, the movable head having a size substantially smaller than the user's hand, the movable head being adapted to receive mechanical energy from the electric drive device through the transfer member so as to rotationally oscillate through a fixed arc about an axis;

an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface, the abrasive surface having a grit adapted to trim a person's nail when oscillating; and

a shock absorbing member coupled between the movable head and abrasive surface, the shock absorbing member providing shock absorption to allow the abrasive surface to conform to a person's nail.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 43 further comprising a power supply within the elongated mobile housing to supply power to the electric drive device when activated.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 43 wherein the electric drive device is adapted to oscillate the head through an arc in the range of about 5 to about 180 degrees.

47. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

an elongated mobile housing having a shape and size suitable for being held in a single hand of a user;

an electric drive device within and coupled to the mobile housing, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a movable head positioned on the mobile housing the movable head being adapted to receive mechanical energy from the electric drive device through the transfer member so as to **rotationally** oscillate through a fixed arc **about an axis**;

an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head **such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface**, the abrasive surface having a grit adapted to trim a person's nail when oscillating; and

a shock absorbing member coupled between the movable head and abrasive surface, the shock absorbing member providing shock absorption to allow the abrasive surface to conform to a person's nail, **the shock absorbing member comprising a resilient, conforming layer of resilient material sandwiched between the movable head and the abrasive surface**.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 47 wherein the movable head oscillates through an arc in the range of about 5 to about 180 degrees.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

a housing having a shape and size suitable for being held in a single hand of a user;
an electric drive device within the housing;

a movable head positioned on the housing and coupled to the electric drive device, the movable head being adapted to rotationally oscillate through a fixed arc about an axis; and an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head such that the axis passes through the abrasive surface, the abrasive surface being adapted to trim or smooth a person's nail when oscillating.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the movable head oscillates through an arc in the range of about 5 to about 180 degrees.

53. Canceled.

54. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 51 further comprising a shock absorbing member disposed between the movable head and the abrasive surface adapted to allow the abrasive surface to conform to a person's nail, the shock absorbing member comprising a resilient, conforming layer of resilient material sandwiched between the movable head and the abrasive surface.